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(PCT Rule 44bis)

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- ☐ Cont. No. II Priority
- ☐ Cont. No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
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- ☒ Cont. No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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Continuation No. I

Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed.

Continuation No. V

Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

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| Novelty (N) | Claims 1-21 | YES |
| | Claims ---- | NO |
| Inventive step (IS) | Claims 6, 7, 9, 10, 17-21 | YES |
| | Claims 1-5, 8, 11-16 | NO |
| Industrial applicability (IA) | Claims 1-21 | YES |
| | Claims ---- | NO |

2. Citations and explanations:

The following documents have been cited in the Search Report:

D1: US 6 089 910 A
D2: US 5 927 836 A
D3: EP 0 572 012 A1

Document D1 shows a connector 1 with a water-proofing packing 10 attached to the outer periphery of a housing body 2 fitting in a panel hole 31. The water-proofing packing 10 made of rubber has a packing body 11 having a passing-through hole 12, a ring-shaped groove 13 formed on the outer periphery thereof, and inner sealing portion 14 extending in a fitting direction from the vicinity of the passing-through hole 12. The ring-shaped groove 13 is fit over the inner peripheral edge of the panel wall abutting the panel hole 31.

Document D2 includes a fastener 64 which has a one-piece construction. The fastener 64 includes an outer perimeter flange 66, a lower inner flange 68 extending along the bottom edge of the fastener 64, and an upper inner flange 70, and a recessed portion 72 extending between the lower inner flange 68 and the upper inner flange 70. The fastener 64 can be snap fit into the opening. The wall recesses around the opening towards the inner side to prevent the fastener to project outside.

By reason that both documents D1 and D2 include devices for fixing a fastening member to a cabinet the skilled person would therefore regard it as a normal design option to combine the features of document D1 and D2 to solve the problem posed. Considering documents D1 and D2 the features of

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claims 1 - 5, 8, 11 - 16 are shown. Hence, the subject-matters of claims 1 - 5, 8, 11 - 16 do not involve an inventive step.

Document D3 embodies a body-mounted connector 10 secured to a member 13. Engaging members 10n are projecting downward from the front, but there is no circumferential groove for fastening the connector 10.

In summary it can be ascertained that the subject matters of claims 1 - 21 are new. The subject-matters of claims 6, 7, 9, 10, 17 - 21 involve an inventive step, but subject-matters of claims 1 - 5, 8, 11 - 16 do not involve an inventive step.

Industrial applicability is given.